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SUBJECT: AMERICAN EDITORIAL OPINION INDIA'S NUCLEAR BLAST

TO MOYNIHAN FROM LAISE

1. SUMMARY; TWENTY-NINE COMMENTING EDITORS ARE UNIVERSALLY CRITICAL OF INDIA'S UNDERGROUND DETONATION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE, ALTHOUGH THEY SEE DIFFERING REASONS FOR CONCERN AND IMPLICATION FOR US POLICY.

2. INDIA'S AVOWED PEACEFUL INTENTIONS WERE VIEWED WITH OPEN SCEPTICISM BY 22 OF THE 29 EDITORS, WASHPOST SAYING: FOR INDIA TO CALL ITS EXPLOSION PEACEFUL AND TO ABJURE ALL MILITARY INTENT IS RUBBISH BUT C.S.MONITOR DID SAY: INDIA IS THE FIRST TO HAVE NUCLEAR ENERGY BUT FOR-SWEAR NUCLEAR WEAPONS; WE HOPE INDIA MEANS THIS AND WILL ADHERE TO IT FOR ALL TIME; IF IT DOES THEN IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE NONPROLIFERATION IN WEAPONS.

3. MANY EDITORS (19) CHIDED INDIA FOR UPSETTING THE ESTABLISHED BALANCE OF NUCLEAR POWERS, AND FOR WEAKENING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THUS ENCOURAGING NEAR-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES TO GO AHEAD.

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4. AT THE SAME TIME, ONE THIRD OF THOSE COMMENTING (10

OUT OF 29) SAID INDIA WAS NOT ALONE AT FAULT; AND THESE PAPERS URGED THE SUPERPOWERS- ESPECIALLY THE US--TO WORK MORE DILIGENTLY TO FULFILL THE NPT PLEDGE TO ACTUALLY REDUCE NUCLEAR ARMS

5, A GREAT MAJORITY OF EDITORS (25 OUT OF 29) CRITICIZED INDIA,S SENSE OF PRIORITIES AND ITS MONUMENTAL MISAPPLICATION OF TALENT AND RESOURCES. TWELVE NOTED THAT INDIA MAY ENCOUNTER INCREASED DIFFICUL WORDS OF GENERAL INTRODUCTION, BUT OTHERWISE WILL PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS. THE PROTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MAKE A SINGLE GENERAL STATEMENT. ITALY, GREECE, TURKEY AND THE UK RESERVED THEIR DECISIONS AND OPTIONS TO GO EITHER WAY. ICELAND AND LUXEMBOURG GAVE NO INDICATION OF THEIR MINISTERS' PLANS, WITH LUXEMBOURG SAYING IT MAY NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO SEND A MINISTER TO OTTAWA.

B. TIMING OF PRIVATE MEETING-THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE PRIVATE MEETING OF MINISTERS WOULD BE HELD ON JUNE 18 AFTER THE FORMAL OPENING CEREMONIES, AND PRIOR TO THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION.

C. ATTENDANCE AT PRIVATE MEETING-IT WAS AGREED BY ALL EXCEPT THE U.S. THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE ATTENDED BY THREE PERSONS FROM EACH DELEGATION: MINISTER PLUS PERMREP PLUS POLITICAL DIRECTOR OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL AS SUBSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL DIRECTOR IF NECESSARY. RUMSFELD RESERVED AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POING.

D. AGENDA FOR PRIVATE MEETING-AS SET FORTH IN SYG'S PO, DISCUSSION IN THE PRIVATE MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH SOME REMARKS BY LUNS ASSOCIATED WITH HIS ANNUAL POLITICAL APPRAISAL (LUNS' APPRAISAL ITSELF WILL BE DELIVERED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PLENARY SESSION); AND THE MEETING WILL, THE COUNCIL HOPES, INCLUDE COMMENTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ABOUT IMPORTANT CURRENT EVENTS INCLUDING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO MOSCOW.

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